

# WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL



11 October 2021

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT

Welcome back to term 4! Hopefully it will be less disrupted than last term!

## Back at School

All students can return and it is great to watch them catching up with their friends. I know that schools are about academic delivery however socialisation is also very important especially for mental health. The laughter and fun in the playground is wonderful to see.

## Level 3 Schools

Our school is currently at Covid Level 3. All students can return to face-to-face learning. The school is still operating under Covid restrictions which limits some activities and visitors to the school. As you will already be aware, we are still doing staggered home times and this will probably be the case for the remainder of the year. Please monitor our website and Facebook page for up-to-date information around school operations.

## Covid Safety Precautions

Hasting Valley Community Schools are implementing many precautions to keep our students, staff and community safe. All staff must be double vaccinated by the 8th of November 2021 as stated by the NSW Public Health Order. Any student or staff that are unwell must stay home and either have a Covid test or isolate for 10 days before returning. Masks are recommended for staff and students. Physical distancing is also highly recommended including limiting the interaction of cohorts within the school. Good hygiene practices are constantly reinforced to students by staff. Teachers are maintaining good ventilation in the classrooms.

Have a wonderful week.

**Tony Johnston**  
*Principal*

## Canteen

The canteen will be non-operational this week. Apologies for the inconvenience.

**Patricia Ottaway**  
*P & C President*

## Check-in Assessment for Years 3-6

Year 3-6 students will participate in a Reading and Numeracy Check-in assessment.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessment is scheduled for our Stage 3 students this week, Week 2. Stage 2 students will complete the assessments during Week 3.

Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

## P & C Notices

### GO RED FOR DYSLEXIA

#### October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

Dyslexia is the most common learning difficulty that affects a child's ability to learn to read and spell. In every classroom there will be 3-5 students who struggle to acquire adequate literacy skills. It can also cause difficulties with mathematics.

The Dyslexia foundation encourages activities to raise awareness so at Westport Public School we will be holding a red event. Come along in something red and enjoy raising awareness for a very important cause.

**When:** Friday 15th October 2021

**What:** Staff and students are encouraged to wear something red.

**Why:** To raise awareness for Dyslexia



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